



## JOHAN HOCH HANGED

### Convicted Murderer and Bigamist is Dead.

### MARRIED 13 TIMES

### Hoch Wedded Women, Secured Their Money and Poisoned Them.

### HE FACES DEATH CALMLY

### Murderer Dies With a Prayer on His Lips for the Officers of the Law Who Took His Life—Lawyers Will Appeal the Case.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Johan Hoch convicted murderer and confessed bigamist, who if his stories are true, was one of the greatest criminals the country has ever known, was hanged today for the poisoning of his wife, Marie Walker Hoch.

—He faced death as he always said he would, calmly and without fear. He died with a prayer on his lips for the officers of the law who took his life, and, save for a word of "Good-bye" his last utterance was the assertion that he was innocent.

The last scene in the career of Hoch came at 1:34 this afternoon, while his attorneys were still making desperate efforts to save him. His death, the lawyers say, has not ended proceedings in his behalf and they promise to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court and if it is decided he was unlawfully hanged, proceedings will be commenced against the officers who officiated at the execution.

Hoch is believed to have come originally from Norwelder, a small town in Germany, not far from Bingen-on-the-Rhine. His father, Jacob Schmitt, is said to still reside there. A wife, supposed to be the first wife of Hoch, is also living in the same place.

In November, 1895, he married Mary Rankin in this city, and left her the day after the wedding because she refused to give him money. In April, 1896, Hoch married Martha Hertzfeld, and left her in four months after obtaining from her \$600. His next wife is said to have been Mary Hoch of Wheeling, W. Va.

In the fall of 1896 Hoch married Clara Bartell of Cincinnati, and she died within three months of the marriage. In January, 1897, he was married to Julia Rose in Hamilton, Ohio, and abandoned her after obtaining \$700.

On December 19, 1904, Hoch was married to Mrs. Marie Welcker, a widow of this city, the widow of whose murder he was convicted. Hoch, after being placed in jail, admitted that he had been married thirteen times, but always denied he had caused the death of any of his wives. He was placed on trial on May 19, and on May 20 the jury returned a verdict finding him

guilty of murder, and fixing the punishment as death. On June 3, sentence was passed on him, the date of the execution being set for June 23. Governor Deneen granted him a reprieve until July 28. Within one hour of the time set for his execution, Hoch was given a second reprieve until August 25. Before this date arrived, however, the Supreme Court granted a permit of consideration of his case by the court. On December 15 the court handed down a decision affirming the verdict of the lower court and fixing the date of execution for February 23.

The last effort made by Hoch to secure a new trial ended on February 21, when Governor Deneen and the Board of Pardons refused to interfere in his behalf.

### HART LOSES.

#### Tommy Burns Gains Decision Over Marvin Hart.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—By those who took Marvin Hart's claim to the world's championship title seriously, Tommy Burns may now be considered the heavyweight champion. Burns decisively outpointed Hart tonight and was given the decision at the end of the twentieth round. From start to finish, with the possible exception of the tenth and twelfth rounds, when Hart had a very small advantage, Burns outfought the bigger man, outgeneraled him, and beat him at every point in the game of boxing. At times Burns, although greatly handicapped in weight and height, made Hart look like a novice.

## TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

### Fast Mail Train Strikes a Fast Freight on S. P. R. R.

### INDIAN HOBO IS INJURED

### Engineer of Fast Freight Forgets About Passenger Train and Collision Results—Engines and Cars are Smashed—Several Injured

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 23.—The fast mail which left Oakland yesterday afternoon on the Southern Pacific met the fast freight west-bound on a curve eight miles west of Wells, Nev., this afternoon. An Indian stealing a ride on the freight was badly injured and two brakemen on the passenger train were cut and bruised. Six or seven mail clerks were shaken up and bruised, but none so seriously as to require medical attention. The engines and several freight cars were smashed up and a baggage car demolished. The engineer of the freight admits he forgot all about the passenger train, which had the right of way.

### JAILED WITHOUT WARRANT.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Feb. 23.—Edward Green, a miner, arrested Monday supposedly with a warrant on instruction of the Idaho authorities, as the result of an investigation of the Steunenberg assassination, was released today by the district court. No charges of any kind were filed against him. Green declares he will sue for damages and false imprisonment.

## JAPANESE ARE BUTCHERS

### Korean People Murdered Without Cause.

### EMPEROR IN TERROR

### Japanese Butcher Men and Women and Confiscate Their Property.

### WIFE OF EMPEROR MURDERED

### Archdeacon Jeffries States Koreans Are Greatly Oppressed by Japs Who Confiscate Their Property and Kill Them if They Protest

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—According to Archdeacon Jeffries of the Episcopal church who has just returned from the Orient, Koreans are greatly oppressed by the Japanese. He says that when a Korean objects to the confiscation of his property, he is falsely charged with conspiracy and shot or hanged on the same day. The executions in some cases are horrible, and Jeffries has brought numbers of photos to prove the truth of his assertions. Even a woman is not exempt and their bodies, he says, are allowed to hang in the streets for days at a time. The Koreans are reduced to abject slavery. The Emperor is in a state of constant terror, and frequently calls upon the American legation to watch over him during the night lest he suffer the same fate as his wife, whom he believes the Japanese murdered.

### No Cause For Alarm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Secretary of State has received a message from Minister Rockhill in Peking stating that he sees no cause for undue apprehension. He considers caution and watchfulness is always necessary, but he believes the published reports of uneasiness are without cause. The missionary troubles are not more frequent than usual and are due, as were the Shanghai riots, to local causes. Rockhill says the Chinese government appreciates the importance of preventing hostilities against foreigners, and that it was recently cautioned by Japan in this regard and has declared its determination to ensure their safety, under all circumstances. The dispatch adds that while the boycott may continue with local friction, nothing more serious is apprehended by those on the ground.

### GARFIELD CROSS-EXAMINED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Commissioner Garfield was subjected to a severe cross-examination in the packers' trial today. He admitted that during the investigation he turned over certain information to the department of justice, but asserted it was not in any way connected with the present cases. No information, he says, gained from the packers was turned over to the department of justice.

### FARMERS STRIKE.

#### Agriculturalists Will Hold Wheat For One Dollar Per Bushel.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—A strike of 200,000 farmers composing the American Society of Equity is called for March 1st. Everyone who responds to the call will agree to withhold from the market any agricultural products existing at prices decreed equitable by the organization's officials. The organizers claim producers should get a dollar per bushel for wheat no matter what the size of the crop.

### RELISHES ACTION.

#### House Glad to Get After Railroad Rate Combinations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Preeceded by a debate which indicated no hesitancy, but rather a relish at taking action against the alleged railroad combination, the House agreed without opposition today to the Tillman-Gillespie resolution directing the Inter-State Commerce Commission to make an immediate inquiry and report regarding the alleged restraints of trade on the part of certain railroads in the handling of coal and oil. Mann, of Illinois, expressed the fear that the guilty officials might avail themselves of the law, which exempts from prosecution, persons who testify in an inquiry and cautioned the committee to get its information from sources which would not exempt the possibly guilty parties. The House devoted the remainder of the day to minor matters and passed several bills.

### WANTED HER MONEY.

#### Woman Rushes Back Into Burning House and Perishes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Returning to her flat for her money Mrs. John Hanley met her death last night in a burning apartment. Mrs. Hanley had gone from the building with her son at the first alarm. When the firemen had put out the blaze they found the woman unconscious in a closet of her apartment on the third floor. She expired a few minutes later. Three other persons were injured. The loss was \$5000.

## UPRISING GROWING

### Turkish Government Trying to Subdue Arabian Revolt.

### HAS A HARD PROPOSITION

### Rebellion is Spreading and Turkish Troops Sent to Scene of Uprising Mutiny—Sultan Holds Conference with Ministers

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 23.—An extraordinary meeting of the Council of Ministers has been summoned to confer with the Sultan at the Yildiz Palace and deal with the situation at Yemen, Turkish Arabia.

The hitherto localized revolt in Yemen against Turkish rule has been fanned into a more widespread rebellion by a warlike proclamation of Sheik Mahmud Yohia. A number of tribes have joined the rebel Sheik and the encounters with Turkish rebel troops which have taken place at various points indicate that the situation is critical.

Turkey is embarrassed by the objection of the troops to go to Yemen. Further reinforcements which were on their way there mutinied on board the transport in the Red Sea early this week and refused to do any duty until they received their arrears of payment.

### LOST DORA RETURNS.

VICTORIA, Feb. 23.—The long overdue steamer Dora, which reached the Port of Los Angeles this afternoon at 4 o'clock, had been re-insured at ninety per cent and given up as lost. The fifty people on board, are well. The Dora was blown off her course.

### SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 23.—The steamer Minnesota, from Seattle to Hong Kong, which was reported on fire in her third hold, on the trip has proceeded. The vessel is very slightly damaged.

### ENGINES BREAK DOWN.

NORFOLK, Feb. 23.—The torpedo boat Winslow was towed to a mooring at the Norfolk navy yard this afternoon from sea by the naval tug Mohawk, with her engines completely disabled. The Winslow left New York Tuesday and suffered three breakdowns on the trip. She was reported in distress and the Mohawk rushed to the scene.

## HEPBURN BILL REPORTED

### The Committee Reports Measure Unamended.

### TILLMAN IS HONORED

### Democrat Chosen to Report the House Bill Without Amendment.

### ACTION IS UNPRECEDENTED

### First Time in History Republican Senate Committee Has Given a Democrat Control of an Important Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—By a vote of 8 to 5, the Senate committee on Inter-State Commerce agreed to report the Hepburn bill without amendment, but the resolution reserved to members of the committee freedom of action concerning the amendments offered in the Senate. By a vote of five to three, the Republicans prevailing, Senator Tillman, a Democrat, was given the honor of reporting the bill. This establishes a precedent, in that a Republican Senate committee has given a Democrat control of an important measure passed by a Republican House, and endorsed by a Republican President.

Elkins after the committee meeting characterized it as "Socialism" to have a Democrat report from a Republican committee to a Republican Senate, a bill reported by a Republican committee to the House and passed by a Republican House. He believed the bill should be in charge of Dooliver, who insisted that it be reported as it came from the House.

The minority, after a failure to get together last night held another conference this morning, when an agreement was reached to report the bill without recommendation of any character. The minority did not make their decision known to the committee and the conservatives attempted to amend the first section of the bill. Senator Dooliver moved to report the bill favorably as prepared by the House. The Democrats asked time to consider the subject and a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. The Democrats agreed to stand as a unit for the Hepburn bill with the reservation. On the advice of Aldrich the reservation was made a part of the resolution.

As soon as the result was made known speculation commended of the method of procedure on the floor. It is predicted every possible obstructive tactic will be resorted to. This, however, is contradicted by Senators Aldrich and Crane and other leading Senators not members of the committee. They stated they believed the prominence of the question and the interest taken by the whole American people entitled it to an early consideration. They agreed, however, on all sides that the discussion will be prolonged and undoubtedly as

bitter as any that has taken place in the Senate. All factions concede the Hepburn bill will pass the Senate. The only contest will be over the effort to incorporate some court of review provision.

### STRIKE ENDS.

#### Steamfitter's Union Decides to End the Sympathetic Strike.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The sympathetic strike of the steamfitters came to a sudden end yesterday when the joint arbitration board of the Steamfitter's Union and the Master Steamfitters ordered the men to return to work. The trouble originated some days ago, when the steamfitters employed at a new downtown building walked out in violation of their contract because they objected to the presence of non-union stonecutters.

A new scale of wages for building employes was signed, which gives 35 cents an hour to 10,000 hod carriers employed in Chicago. Men working on Caissions will receive 50 cents an hour. The new scale has been under consideration by the masons and builders' association for some time.

### TO DEFEND MINERS.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 23.—Five thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Mill and Smelters' Union of this city to aid in the defense of Charles H. Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone, and Orchard who are suspected of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

## WRIT IS ISSUED

### Steunenberg Suspects Allowed Habeas Corpus Writ.

### RETURNABLE MARCH FIRST

### Application Based on Extradition Statute of U. S.—No Provision For Conspiracy in one State and Committing in Another.

BOISE, Feb. 23.—The Supreme Court late this afternoon issued a writ of habeas corpus in the cases of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, accused of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. The writ is made returnable March 1st, when the time will be set for their hearing. The application is based on the extradition statute of the United States. That is a real point, though many violations of the constitutions of the state and the United States are alleged. The extradition statute provides for the extradition of persons, who have committed a crime in one state and flee from its jurisdiction to another state. It is claimed there is no provision whereby the men can be extradited for conspiring in one state for the commission of a crime in another. The intention is to carry the point to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error, if the State Supreme Court refuses to release the prisoners on a writ. It is not expected the state courts will release them, but it is desired to save a point. Under the laws of Idaho, an accessory before the fact is made the principal and the prosecution claims there is no doubt the men can be held. It is admitted by attorneys generally that the point is a nice one.

## AMERICANS HAVE FIERCE BATTLE WITH BANDITS

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 23.—The attempted robbery of an American party which left here last week for the Dolores mines was reported today. While passing through a narrow defile the party was fired on. Smith, the leader of the party, gave orders to return the

fire following which, a regular battle ensued in which three of the party were killed. Smith kept up a running fight for miles before escaping. The Governor of Chihuahua has offered \$50,000 reward for the bandits dead or alive. It is reported the bandits are Americans.

## CINCINNATI BANKS PAY COUNTY TREASURER MONEY

CINCINNATI, Feb. 23.—County Treasurer Hynicka has received about \$20,000 in gratuities from various banks for deposits of public funds according to his testimony today before the commission, appointed by the State Senate to investigate the public offices in

Cincinnati and Hamilton counties. Previous to Hynicka's testimony several bankers testified to paying gratuities to various parties connected with the county treasurer's office, such payments being an expression of appreciation for deposits of public funds.